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A SMALL BLAZE

The fire department was called out Friday afternoon to squelch a small blaze in one of the buildings back of the Citizens State Bank. The shed was used to do the gasoline washing and storing for Jackson's dry cleaning establishment, and it seems that some boys playing around the building discovered the gas tank and thought they would see how the gasoline would look with a match applied to it. Accordingly they turned the faucet in the tank and let the gas run over a piece of burning paper, with the result that business picked up hurriedly. No serious damage was done to the contents of the building, but the building itself was considerably smoked up before the fire wagon got there.

GOOD MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting Friday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. The principal topics for discussion were a couple of good roads meetings to be held in the near future and the paving proposition. A committee composed of E. J. Thayer, A. L. Eldson, H. A. Gaskill, P. A. Craig and the secretary was appointed to circulate a petition among the property owners to secure expressions from them as to their desires as to paving. October 24 was set as a date for a good-roads meeting at Lorena. It is planned to take the band and some refreshments from Liberal and to have a couple of good-road authorities from Oklahoma City present at the meeting. After the meeting Bert Whims, the local boxer, and A. L. Öliger of Emporia furnished some entertainment in the form of a boxing match. A large crowd was out to the meeting and all were exceedingly interested both in the paving and roads proposition.

START A DISTRIBUTING POINT HERE

The Dodge City Wholesale Grocery Co. has leased the building formerly occupied by W. E. Wilson on Third street, and is making arrangements to use the same as a distributing house for their stock. They will carry a complete line of groceries and provisions and expect to add a cold storage and produce department next spring. Clay Fulton of Hooker, an experienced grocer, will be manager of the Liberal branch, and with his hustling abilities should soon have an excellent trade worked up for his firm. It always looks like a town's financial conditions are sound when the wholesale houses begin locating in it, and we believe the Dodge City people look at it in the same way or they wouldn't start a branch house in Liberal.

The Presbyterian ladies held their rummage sale at Wilson's grocery Saturday and cleared about a hundred dollars at the sale. They didn't get through, however, and will sell the remainder at the same place tomorrow. The ladies express their kindness to Mr. Wilson for the use of the store in which to hold their sale.

This is Styleplus Week from Maine to California



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HANCOCK BUYS A BLOCK

Chas. E. Hancock, home builder and town booster, has this week closed a deal for an entire block, consisting of forty lots, in the Sunnyside addition. Charlie will erect a modern residence for himself on these lots next spring, and will put up several more good homes for rent or sale on easy terms. This part of the addition should be called "Hancock Block" as he is the first one to buy an entire block at a time. He is also working on two other residences in the addition that will be for sale in the near future. Hancock is one man who makes all his investments in his home town and Liberal could use a few more like him.

The two Delevans will appear for the first time in the west in a European novelty vaudeville act, doing hand balancing and a number of spectacular tricks, one of which required nine years of patient practice before sufficiently mastered to present to the public. At the Majestic all this week.

Congressman Shouse Here



Makes An Interesting Two Hours' Speech To Large Crowd Wednesday Evening.

Hon. Jouett Shouse, past, present and potential congressman from the big Seventh district of Kansas, spoke to an overflowing audience at the court house Wednesday evening. The meeting had been well advertised and the people responded in fine shape. Chairman Romer introduced Sam Buckland, a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Buckland of Liberal, who is the Democratic nominee for attorney general, who made about a five-minute talk, during which he introduced Mr. Shouse. Mr. Shouse held the audience spellbound from the very start, and at different times when he paused for breath or to allow his words to sink in you could have heard a pin drop in any part of the house. His speech was not the usual flamboyant political oratory. It was a masterful presentation of accomplishments of the Democratic administration. After a review of the legislation enacted and a careful explanation of the workings of the recent rural credits law, he took up the arguments of the opposition and punctured it full of holes, severely exhorting Mr. Hughes for withholding suggestions on pending legislation since he became a candidate and then denouncing and finding fault with the bills after they were passed. He showed where over two-thirds of the Republican members in both houses of congress supported and voted for nearly every bill that has come under the displeasure of Mr. Hughes and his party leaders, but against whom nothing is said by Mr. Hughes or other prominent members of the party. Mr. Shouse is not an orator that creates applause every time he states a fact, but we noticed the few times he was cheered it came spontaneously from all parts of the house and members of every party represented in the audience. Mr. Shouse stopped off at Kismet

and made a speech there in the afternoon to over a hundred people, which is a pretty good crowd for a town of that size. A number of the local Democrats attended the Kismet meeting and brought Mr. and Mrs. Shouse to Liberal that evening.

Congressman Shouse has the making of a broad-minded statesman if he is allowed to remain in congress a while. He indulges in no "cheap-John" denunciations of his opponent nor the opposition party, but is making his race for re-election solely on his own merits and the record of accomplishments made by the administration of which he was a member. The people of the Seventh district will not make the mistake of dispensing with the services of a tried and true servant for one who has no platform except a conjectural mass of promises that would be mighty hard to keep in case he should be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Betty and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hickox, all of Hooker, were here on business a few hours Friday.

DISTRICT MEETING OF MASONS

The Masons of Fargo Lodge No. 390 will welcome a big gathering of members of the Masonic fraternity in Liberal Tuesday night at which time the second annual meeting of Masons of this district will be held. Preparations and much drill work have been the portion of the local members of the order the past week or two and a good time is looked forward to by all. Wednesday morning the visiting delegations will be given a sightseeing trip over Liberal. The program for the day is as follows:

- 2 P. M.—Opening, Haviland Lodge No. 409.
- 2:15—Exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree, Grand View Lodge No. 376.
- 3:15—General Questionnaire on E. A. Degree.
- 3:30—Exemplification of the Fellow Craft Degree, First Section: Plains Lodge No. 367. Second Section: Kiowa Lodge No. 293.
- 4:30—General Questionnaire on F. C. Degree.
- 5:00—Exemplification of Ballot, Fargo Lodge No. 390.
- 5:30—Refreshments.
- 7:00—Instruction in Reception of Grand Officers.
- 7:30—Exemplification of Master Mason's Degree, First Section: Webb Lodge No. 275. Second Section: Fargo Lodge No. 390.
- 9:00—General Questionnaire on the Master Mason's Degree.
- 9:30—Remarks by Grand Lecturer and other Grand Officers.
- 10:30—Closing, Mullinville Lodge No. 399.
- All work under supervision of W. L. Stanford M. Smart.

REGISTER AT TAYLOR'S DRUG STORE

The registration books of the city of Liberal will be kept at Taylor's Drug Store for ten days prior to the election, November 7. This is done to accommodate those who find it difficult or impossible to climb the stairs in the Miller building, where the city clerk's office is located, and will also be a convenience to others who have not registered up to that time. If you live or vote in the city you must register before election day if you intend to vote, and the sooner you do so the less liable you are to forget the same.

INSPECT YOUR FLUES

Every chimney and flue in the city of Liberal should be inspected carefully before fires are started this fall. Defective flues caused 265 fires in Kansas last year, aggregating a loss of a quarter of a million dollars in property. Still more property was destroyed by the spreading of fires already started by these defective flues and other original causes.

Do a little missionary work. A fire in your neighbor's house may destroy your house as well as his own. You will be abundantly rewarded in the added safety to your home and business.

LIBERAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.
E. G. KINGSCHL, Chief.

THE RING STORE



Some jewelers carry rings merely because they are jewelry; we carry them in rich profusion because they are beautiful and a true adornment. This store is known to many as the Ring Store because those who are especially interested in this form of jewelry have found here not only exceptional offerings in rings, but an intelligent interest to match theirs. If you love rings, come and see ours. If you don't, come and see them and you will love them. All our rings are solid gold, \$2 and up.

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